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Support for HB 2232: ATV Equipment Noise Standards

Dear Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Vice-Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than thirty federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for HB 2232 which directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to adopt certain equipment standards for off-road vehicles.

HB 2232 allows the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, along with the All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Committee, to address the issue of excessive sound traveling outside of OHV areas. We have heard broad support for this approach from both the non-motorized and motorized trail user communities.

We believe OPRD, with the support of the ATV Advisory Committee, has the appropriate expertise and is best situated to address this issue for the state. HB 2232 opens the door for the needed next steps of rulemaking and workgroups.

Neighboring communities that depend on the economic contribution of OHV areas for their prosperity need progress on this issue for that vitality to continue.

Thank you for your leadership,

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